



Margaret Mills (second from right), Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, talks with participants of the conference, "Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions," held at the Mershon Center on April 9 and 10, 2010. Mills co-organized the conference with Dorothy Noyes, Associate Professor of English, Comparative Studies, and Anthropology. Pictured from left to right are Mir Hekmat Sadat, National Defense Intelligence College; David B. Edwards, Williams College; Omar Sharifi, American Institute of Afghan Studies; Margaret Mills, The Ohio State University; and Abdulkader Sinno, Indiana University.



Dorothy Noyes, Associate Professor of English, Comparative Studies, and Anthropology, offered some opening remarks at the conference, "Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions." Noyes organized the conference with Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures.



John Muller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, gave a presentation about, "Intervention After 9/11," as part of the first panel titled "What Happened to Intervention." The conference, "Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions," was held at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on April 9 and 10, 2010.



More than 60 people attended the conference Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions held at the Mershon Center for International Security Studies on April 9 and 10, 2010. The conference was organized by Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and Dorothy Noyes, Associate Professor of English, Comparative Studies, and Anthropology.



Dorothy Noyes, Associate Professor of English, Comparative Studies, and Anthropology, and John Muller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, fielded questions during the first panel on "What Happened to Intervention." As part of the panel, Noyes gave a presentation titled, "From Objects of Intervention to Subjunctive Worlds," and Muller discussed, "Intervention After 9/11."



Lydia Thomas, a senior majoring in Arabic and Chinese, posed a question for John Mueller, Woody Hayes Chair of National Security Studies, during the conference, "Making Sense In Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions," held at the Mershon Center on April 9 and 10, 2010. Thomas is the previous winner of two Ralph D. Mershon Study Abroad Scholarships for study in China and Syria.





Peter Mansoor (right), Raymond E. Mason Jr. Chair in Military History, talked with David Beall of the United States Army during a break. Beall gave a presentation titled, "The Development and Fate of Local Knowledge in Modern Counterinsurgencies: An Overview of the Military's Best Efforts to Understand the Operating Environment in Iraq and Afghanistan," as part of the panel titled "On the Ground" scheduled during the second day of the conference, Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions."



Susan Hanson (right), coordinator of the Veterans Learning Community, continues conversation during a break at the conference, Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions, organized by Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, and Dorothy Noyes, Associate Professor of English, Comparative Studies, and Anthropology. Hanson and students from the Veterans Learning Community gave a presentation on the second day of the conference, Saturday, April 10.



Dorothy Noyes speaks with participants of "Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions," held at the Mershon Center on April 9 and 10, 2010. Pictured from left to right are speakers Tarak Barkawi, Cambridge University; Keith Brown, Brown University; Dorothy Noyes, The Ohio State University; and David B. Edwards, Williams College.



Ambassador Robert P. Finn of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University fielded questions after delivering the keynote address, "Afghanistan: Points of Power." Margaret Mills, Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures and co-organizer of the conference, chaired the keynote address session of "Making Sense in Afghanistan: Interaction and Uncertainty in International Interventions," held at the Mershon Center April 9 and 10, 2010.